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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Application No. 10/711,298

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 19, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

On June 7, 2007, appellants filed an Appeal Brief. A review of the file reveals that there is no indication that the Appeal Brief been considered.

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner for consideration of the Appeal Brief, a written notification to applicant of consideration and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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